

Elinor Wonders Why Comic Testing Scripts 8-13-20

1 Panel Ideas

Comic 1.1 – Sleepover

We see Elinor and Olive both laying on the floor in sleeping bags in Elinor's room, while Ari is hanging upside down from the ceiling. Elinor looks up and says, "Wow, when Ari sleeps over, he really sleeps OVER!"

Nature Fact: One of the reasons bats sleep upside down is that they can't start flying from the ground. By hanging, they can just fall and go straight into flight! [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 1.2 – Spider Web Knitting (Based on "Wind in the Web")

Elinor, who looks like she's trying to knit something unsuccessfully, looks up above her at an intricate, amazing-looking spider web with a spider in the center of it. She says, "I have to hand it to you. That is harder than it looks!"

Nature Fact: The female Darwin's Bark spider builds webs so big they can cross over 80 feet, even over rivers and lakes! [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 1.3 – Band

At school, we see Elinor and Ari playing their own instruments while Olive joyfully toots her own trunk. Elinor says, "When you're an elephant, you always have an instrument to play!"

Nature Fact: Elephants don't just have a cool trunk, they also have an amazing sense of hearing – they can hear a trumpeting call from up to 5 miles away! [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 1.4 – Tomato Drop

Elinor and Ari are at the tomato festival and Ari's arms are full of stuff like ketchup, salsa, pasta sauce, etc. Elinor (holding a tomato out for Ari) says, "Gee, Ari, I had no idea you loved tomatoes so much!" Ari says, "I love ketchup, pasta sauce, salsa, chili, but I don't like tomatoes!"

4 Panel Ideas

Comic 4.1 – Moose

Panel 1: Ari is reaching behind his back, trying to scratch the middle of it. “My back itches...”

Panel 2: We see the same image from behind Ari, dancing around as he keeps trying. “Can’t reach...”

Panel 3: Suddenly, he spots something off panel, smiling as a light bulb turns on above him “Aha!”

Panel 4: The next image we see is Ari leaning against Javier Moose’s antlers, getting his back scratched as he says, “It’s good to have friends.”

Nature Fact: Moose antlers can grow up to an inch per day! They’re among the fastest-growing animal tissue on the planet. [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 4.2 – Beaver

Panel 1: We are close on Elinor, who’s sitting at a table at school as she gets ready to draw on paper.

Panel 2: Suddenly, she looks puzzled: “Huh? Where did my pencil go?”

Panel 3: Elinor looks to her side at Sally, who we can partially see sitting next to her. “Sally, have you seen my pencil?”

Panel 4: We widen out more to see Sally holding a half-eaten pencil with her cheeks stuffed saying “Nope, but thanks for the snack.”

Nature Fact: Beavers can bring down entire trees by cutting them with their teeth! [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 4.3 – Dandelion

Panel 1: We see Elinor smiling and looking at a dandelion on the ground.

Panel 2: We see Elinor blowing the seeds off.

Panel 3: Having fun, Elinor says, “I just love dandelions! What about you, Olive?”

Panel 4: We widen to see the petals have blown to cover Olive’s face, who was sitting next to Elinor. She says, “Sure. I feel just... dandy!”

Nature Fact: Dandelion flowers open every morning, and close in the evenings. This is called “Nyctinasty.” [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 4.4 – Tomato Drop (Based on “The Tomato Drop”)

Panel 1: Elinor and Ari walk around the Animal Town Tomato fest, excited. Ari says, “I love the tomato festival. It has all my favorite foods.”

Panel 2: Ari grabs some ketchup in one hand and pasta sauce in the other as he says, “Ketchup and Pasta Sauce!”

Panel 3: Ari grabs some salsa and chili as he says, “And salsa and chili! And pizza!”

Panel 4: As they walk around, Ari’s arms are now full of stuff from the festival. Elinor says, “Gee, Ari, you really love tomatoes!” Ari says, “What do you mean? I don’t like tomatoes!”

8 Panel Ideas

Comic 8.1

Panel 1: Elinor and Ari are walking in the forest, when suddenly, Elinor sees something ("Gasp!")

Panel 2: They see a baby bird on the ground next to a tree. Elinor says, "Look, it's a baby bird!"

Panel 3: We see Ari looking up at the branches, and we see a nest with other baby birds. Ari says, "Oh no, it must have fallen from that nest!"

Panel 4: Elinor looks concerned, saying, "What should we do? It might be hungry?"

Panel 5: We see her run off, saying "I'll go get my mom!"

Panel 6: A caption reads, "A short time later..." and we see Ranger Rabbit wearing gloves as she places the bird back into the nest. She says, "You kids did the right thing."

Panel 7: She explains, "The best thing to do is to ask an adult to help. And don't worry, this baby's mama will feed it everything it needs."

Panel 8: At that moment, we see Ari run back holding giant handfuls of worms. He says, "Aww... now you tell me!"

Nature Fact: What to do if you find a baby bird [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 8.3 (Based on "The Tomato Drop")

Panel 1: We see a wide shot of the Animal Town Tomato Festival in full swing.

Panel 2: Elinor and Ari walk around, excited. Elinor says, "The tomato festival is my favorite day of the year."

Panel 3: Ari says, "Me too! It has all my favorite foods. Like..."

Panel 4: "Ketchup!" Ari grabs some ketchup. (With each panel his arms get fuller)

Panel 5: Ari grabs some pasta sauce and some salsa "Pasta sauce and salsa!"

Panel 6: Ari grabs a tomato pizza and some veggie chili. "Pizza and chili!"

Panel 7: Elinor stands next to a bin of fresh tomatoes and asks Ari, "Do you want some tomatoes, too?"

Panel 10: While balancing all of the foods he has acquired, Ari says, "Nah, I don't like tomatoes."

Nature Fact: "Some gardeners see tomatoes in a rainbow of colors: red, sure, but also shades of yellow, orange, pink, green, burgundy, purple, streaked and striped, and practically black. Along with those colors come a range of flavors." [\[ref\]](#)

Comic 8.5 (Based on 148: Strawberry Jam)

Panel 1: While camping, we see Elinor's Dad enjoying some toast with jam and says, "Elinor, this strawberry jam you made is delicious!"

Panel 2: Elinor adds, "Thanks, Dad! We picked the strawberries ourselves!"

Panel 3: She shows him to the strawberry bushes. "See, strawberries start out small and green..."

Panel 4: "... and then they change color as they get bigger." We see the bigger white strawberries.

Panel 5: "When they're red and big, they're ready to eat. It's called 'being ripe'!" Elinor points to some red juicy strawberries.

Panel 6: "That's wonderful, Elinor!" Dad says as he YAWNS. "But I think I'm pretty ripe, too."

Panel 7: A puzzled Elinor asks, "Ripe for what, Dad?"

Panel 8: Dad says, "Ripe for a NAP!" as he heads back to the hammock.

Nature Fact: A fun fact about strawberries or fruits that ripen.